# February 14 2016

First Sunday of Lent



# MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: FEB. 13 TO FEB. 21

Please note that Mass is offered at 8:30 am and 7:15 pm every Monday.

(L) indicates a living intention

Saturday	Feb. 13 First Sunday of Lent	
4:30 pm	Germain Demers	Ray & Cynthia de la Paz
Sunday	Feb. 14	
9:00	Mrs. Mary Hicks	The Boileau family
11:00	Our Parishioners	
Monday	Feb. 15	
8:30 am	Ken Doran Sr.	Mike Gorodensky &
		Joan Watt
7:15 pm	Sebastien & Philomena D'Silva	Atwell D'Souza & family
Tuesday	Feb. 16	
8:30 am	Evelina, Luigi, Claudio, & Joey Reda	
	and family (L)	Rina Reda & family
Wednesday	Feb. 17	
8:30 am	Eileen Casey	Audrey & Gerry Poisson
Thursday	Feb. 18	
8:30 am	Frank Pulice & family (L)	Rina Reda & family
Friday	Feb. 19	
8:30 am	Paolo Reda	Ilva Reda
Saturday	Feb. 20 Second Sun day of Lent	
4:30 pm	Joe Fahey	Carl & Fran Jorgensen
Sunday	Feb. 21	
9:00	Our Parishioners	
11:00	Giuseppe Armeni	The Raschella family

#### **SANCTUARY LAMP**

Week of

Feb. 14: Marian Niznik requested by The Fan Club

Feb. 21: TBA

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS Jan. 30/31

**Offerings:** \$ 5, 591.00 **Building Fund:** \$ 1, 679.00 \$7,800.00 average weekly expenses

**LORD GRANT MERCY AND LASTING PEACE** to those who have died recently and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: *Gerald Harkin*, father of Scott and John Harkin.

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

~ Pope Francis

LENTEN MISSION FEB 18, 19, 20: This year's Lenten Mission is hosted by St. Thomas à Becket, St. Luke and Jesus Light of the World Parishes. The Mission begins at 7:00 pm each evening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Through prayer, reflection and music, our guide will be Sr. Lorraine Caza, CND, who will address the theme, "Rich in Mercy." Pot luck supper Saturday following the 4:30 pm Mass. Please bring a hot or cold dish for 4-6 people. Dessert and beverages provided. Free will offering each evening. You may use your own parish envelope. All ages welcome. All family, friends and neighbours welcome. Rediscover the wonder of God's mercy and our call to share it with one another. Share an enriching spiritual experience with members of your sister parishes. Info: elsa@becket.ca; wendy@st-luke.ca; hrayrow@hotmail.com

BECKET CELEBRATES THE YEAR OF MERCY: As you know, Pope Francis announced that a Jubilee of Mercy would begin on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2015, and end on the feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. Pope Francis has said that this Holy Year is a way for the church to make more evident its mission to be a witness of mercy. To celebrate this special jubilee, Becket staff have created a Jubilee of Mercy Banner that is hanging near the south-side confessional. The banner includes a large image that depicts reconciliation. The double arch above the image include both the Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy, and invite us to follow the merciful example of the Father. Learn more about the Year of Mercy here: <a href="https://goo.gl/trw3V6">https://goo.gl/trw3V6</a>

#### **FAITH FIRST**

#### **UPCOMING GATHERINGS:**

Level 3 (SP3, SP4) Gathering #2: Tuesday, February 16th

Level 4 (SP4, SP5) Gathering #2: Thursday, February 25th

# **50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE NEWS**

**WINTER FAMILY DANCE** Saturday February 27, 7:30pm. Music for every generation. BYOBeverage. \$7.50/person. Children 15 and under free.



**BECKET PANTRY NEEDS:** A single mom needs help to furnish new apartment with a bed, sofa, table & chairs, small appliances etc. as well as a crib, layette, stoller, & baby clothes (girl). Another family needs a crib, stoller and dressers. Thank you to all who have donated items! Also wanted: a low-rent apartment preferably in the West Island. If you have any of these items please contact the parish office 514-626-4111.

**NEWS FROM LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS** The Sec II Loyola students (Tyler, Michael, Ryan, John and Luca) had a successful bowling night on Saturday January 30th. The boys sold tickets to parishioners, their family and friends and received monetary donations. The event raised \$565 for our parish.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children. Join us for the 40 Days for Life campaign, a peaceful pro-life effort involving three components: Prayer and Fasting, Community Outreach and a Peaceful Vigil. Runs from Wednesday, February 10 to Sunday, March 20, 2016. You are invited to the Montreal Vigil location at Lahaie Park on St. Joseph Blvd. (between St. Laurent Blvd. and St. Dominique St.). Learn more or get involved as a volunteer! Contact Brian Jenkins at 438-930-8643 or 514-344-2686 or brian.jenkins@cqv.qc.ca.

**FOLLOWING IN JESUS FOOTSTEPS FOR 50 YEARS:** As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, all 485 of our 2015-2016 Faith First children had their footprints included in the Lenten banners that you see on the sides of the church. Please keep all our Faith First children and their families in your prayers this Lent.

FUNERAL AND BURIAL RITES In our ever-changing society, our funeral rites and burial practices have evolved. With the Church's acceptance of cremation (in most cases) and funeral homes now offering "one-stop" services, young family members who no longer practice the faith will frequently choose burial rites with little or no religious observance. The wishes of the parents and grandparents are not always respected. A baptised person has a right to the full funeral and burial rites of the Church which include a Mass of Christian Burial where the body or the ashes of the deceased are present within the parish Church. Note that if cremation is to take place, the Church strongly recommends that it be done after the funeral. The presence of the body at the visitation (in an open or closed casket), and at the funeral, adds a dignity and meaning to the ceremony which can be lost if only the urn is present. To assure that you receive the funeral rites and services of the Church upon death, you are advised to leave written funeral and burial instructions with your next of kin and with the funeral home, and also with the parish if you wish. Our priests are always available to meet you and your family to advise you.

#### SHARE LENT: A CLIMATE OF CHANGE PILGRIMAGE STARTS IN HAITI

This year for Share Lent, Development and Peace invites you to join a Climate of Change pilgrimage. Together we will journey through Lent with people whose lives are being changed with your support. **Please take a copy of the Minimagazine from church today.** This is your pilgrimage guide. In Week 1 we meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the 2010 earthquake, she is benefitting from a social enterprise project to raise chickens. "I have a husband and two children. Thanks to this job and the wages I receive, I can take care of my family, send my children to school and complete a few projects."

# MONTREAL CHALLENGE YOUNG ADULTS WEEKEND RETREAT MARCH 4-6, 2016

Whether you're a practicing believer or seldom go to church, Challenge will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Christ and yourself. Challenge is open to all young adults aged 18-30. The retreat consists of worship music, prayer, witness, discussions, and games. The next retreat is March 4-6th (Friday 7pm to Sunday 5pm). Location to be determined. Cost is \$60. To apply, visit: <a href="www.montrealchallenge.ca">www.montrealchallenge.ca</a> or contact <a href="outreach@montrealchallenge.ca">outreach@montrealchallenge.ca</a> Interested but can't make the retreat? Interested but want to know more before signing up? You should consider joining our weekly meetings, called Ultreyas, every Friday night at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Basilica in the Congress Hall (entrance corner of René-Lévesque and St-Alexandre).

## **QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Matthew 4:4

**Adults:** Guilt is not what Jesus wants from you. What he does want is your desire to receive his help in overcoming temptation. He's waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Youth:** Look up the Scriptural quotes Jesus uses. They are all from the Book of Deuteronomy: 8:3; 6:13; and 6:16. How might you use one of these quotes to protect yourself in a time of temptation?

**Children:** Would you still be able to say that you believe in Jesus if others made fun of you for it?